GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:484
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EXTRACTION OF SURPLUS COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surplus coal extracted by the private/public sector companies beyond their allocation has to be sold to other coal companies situated in that area;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity and value of surplus coal extracted and sold by these companies, year-wise, company-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint that the surplus coal so extracted by these companies is being black-marketed;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (a): A.statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 484 ASKED BY DR. DHIRENDRA AGARWAL AND SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV REGARDING SURPLUS EXTRACTION OF COAL

(a): Yes, Sir. During the development phase of a coal block and/or in the event of approved mine capacity exceeding the assessed requirement of coal for the linked end use plant, a captive coal block allocatee is required to dispose of surplus coal to the local subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL).

(b): So far, there has been no instance of disposal of coal by captive block allocates to CIL subsidiaries.

(c) to (e): In so far as blocks allotted to private companies for captive use are concerned, one instance of illegal mining of coal in violation of the condition of captive use of coal in their end-use plant was in respect of M/s Central Colliery Company Limited, where they had sold coal mined from the Takli-Jena-Bellora (South) coal block allocated for captive mining of coal for use in their proposed power plant. The lease granted by the Government of Maharashtra in favour of them in respect of the said block has been declared void by the Revisional Authority constituted by the Central Government in exercise of the power of revision under the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957. To avoid recurrence of such incidents the Government has taken the following steps:

i) Regular monitoring by the Coal Controller`s Organization;
ii) Enforcement of terms and conditions of mining lease by the State Governments.